



## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-OGC-2016-0773; FRL 9957-82-OGC]**

### **Proposed Settlement Agreement, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Settlement Agreement; Request for Public Comment

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (“CAA”), notice is hereby given of a proposed settlement agreement to address a consolidated set of petitions for review filed by several parties in the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Basin Electric Power Cooperative (“Basin Electric”) and the State of Wyoming (“Wyoming”) (collectively, “Petitioners”) filed petitions for review of an EPA rule addressing the regional haze requirements in Wyoming. Specifically, Basin Electric challenged the rule as it pertained to the NO<sub>x</sub> BART emission limits for Laramie River Units 1-3. Wyoming also challenged the rule based on EPA’s action on the Laramie River Units and on other grounds. The proposed settlement agreement would establish deadlines for EPA to take specified actions.

**DATES:** Written comments on the proposed settlement agreement must be received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION DATE].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OGC-2016-0773, online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). For comments submitted at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (“CBI”) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written

comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified in the “For Further Information Contact” section. For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lea Anderson, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-5571; fax number (202) 564-5603; email address: [anderson.lea@epa.gov](mailto:anderson.lea@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Additional information about the proposed settlement agreement.**

Petitioners filed petitions for review of EPA's rule titled “Approval, Disapproval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Wyoming; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan; Federal Implementation Plan for Regional Haze,” 79 Fed. Reg. 5032 (Jan. 30, 2014) (“Final Rule”). In the Final Rule, EPA disapproved, in part, the Wyoming regional haze SIP, including the NO<sub>x</sub> BART requirements as to Laramie River Units 1-3, and promulgated a federal implementation plan (“FIP”) that imposed a NO<sub>x</sub> BART emission limit of 0.07 lb/MMBtu (30-day rolling average) at Laramie River Units 1-3. Petitioners have raised various challenges to the Final Rule. This settlement agreement would resolve all of Basin Electric’s challenges to the Final Rule and those portions of Wyoming’s challenge to the Final Rule related to the establishment of NO<sub>x</sub> BART emission limits for Laramie River Units 1-3.

Under the terms of the proposed settlement agreement, after the settlement agreement becomes final the parties will take specified actions as provided for in the settlement agreement. Please review the settlement agreement for additional details, available in the public docket at EPA-HQ-OGC-2016-0773.

For a period of 30 days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed settlement agreement from persons who were not named as parties or intervenors to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement agreement if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determines that consent to the agreement should be withdrawn or withheld, the terms of the agreement will be affirmed.

## **II. Additional information about commenting on the proposed settlement agreement.**

### *A. How Can I Get a Copy of the Proposed Settlement Agreement?*

The official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2016-0773 contains a copy of the proposed settlement agreement. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). You may use the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) to submit or view public comments, access the index

listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, key in the appropriate docket identification number then select “search”.

It is important to note that EPA’s policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute is not included in the official public docket or in the electronic public docket. EPA’s policy is that copyrighted material, including copyrighted material contained in a public comment, will not be placed in EPA’s electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public docket. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the EPA Docket Center.

*B. How and To Whom Do I Submit Comments?*

You may submit comments as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked “late.” EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD ROM you submit. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. Any

identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

Use of the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. The electronic public docket system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's electronic mail (e-mail) system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the Docket without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your e-mail address is automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

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